Sinclair
Broadcasting is
misleading consumers
in voice mail
recordings about its
intent to broadcast
"Stolen Honor". At
www.stolenhonor.com
the following
one-sided "poll" is
posted as of 2:45
PM, 10/14/2004:

"What is your opinion of Sinclair Broadcasting's intent to air Stolen Honor on all 62 of their television stations, during prime time, October 21 -24?

The DNC is worried the truth unearthed in Stolen Honor will negatively impact Kerry's presidential race.

After the CBS scandal, partisans on both sides of the political spectrum should applaud truthful journalism.

Forces are at work to keep the public from seeing this moving and powerful account of Kerry's betrayal.

Sinclair Broadcasting should air Stolen Honor as intended."

Meanwhile, voicemail at 401/568-1780 to which local station 40 in Springfield, MA directs callers states that the program has not been videotaped and content has not been finalized. Though this may be technically true, it would appear that Sinclair does intend to air "Stolen

Honor". To do so on the eve of the election without broadcasting a rebuttal program such as "Up River" abuses Sinclair's priviledge of using free airwaves in the public interest. The voicemail box is full as of 3PM on 10/14/2004 so citizens cannot share their opinion as the message invites them to do.

The FCC should bear this example of Sinclair's abuse of it's license priviledges when considering renewal of it's license. The FCC is the checks and balance agency on which citizens depend to assure that media conglomerates do not usurp the airwaves for blatantly partisan political purposes.